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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK -----X IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER LOWER 21 MC 102 (AKH) MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE LITIGATION CARLOS PINELA (AND WIFE, CIOTELDE : 07-CV-05377-AKH PINELA), NOTICE OF ADOPTION Plaintiffs, OF ANSWER TO MASTER COMPLAINT - against -BY MERRILL LYNCH ALAN KASMAN D/B/A KASCO, et al., ELECTRONICALLY FILED Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Defendant Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("Merrill Lynch"), as and for its responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) Related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts Merrill Lynch's Answer to Master Complaint, dated August 3, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

WHEREFORE, Merrill Lynch demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York January 18, 2008

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